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SUBJECT: TREATY SIGNING

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1. CRITICA'S "CAFETIN" COLUMN OF AUGUST 20 ASSERTS THAT, UNDER PANAMA'S 1972 CONSTITUTION, THE PRESIDENT RATHER THAN TORRIJOS IS SUPPOSED TO SIGN THE CANAL TREATY. "CAFETIN" WARNS THAT TORRIJOS' SIGNING OF THE TREATY (WHICH HAS BEEN PRESUMED BY ALL PARTIES) COULD CAUSE A NULLITY SUIT, AND EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE SUPREME COURT WILL "CLEAR THE PROBLEM UP IN TIME".

2. THE 1972 CONSTITUTION (ARTICLE 163) GIVES THE PRESIDENT THE POWER TO CONDUCT FOREIGN RELATIONS AND TO MAKE TREATIES. IN THE TEMPORARY PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION, TORRIJOS IS GIVEN THE POWER TO CONDUCT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR SIX YEARS, BUT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY GIVEN THE POWER TO MAKE TREATIES (ARTICLE 277).

3. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SUPREME COURT

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WILL BE ASKED VERY SOON FOR A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ON THIS QUESTION, AND WE HAVE LITTLE DOUBT THAT TORRIJOS WILL BE THE ONE NAMED TO SIGN THE TREATY.

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